

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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2. I believe I am an original joint inventor, together with **RODNEY J. WITTINGER, ROBERT A. DAVIDSON, and KARL C. ANGERER**, of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **DEVICES AND METHODS FOR REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE GAP BETWEEN A STAY VANE AND ITS CORRESPONDING WICKET GATE AS USED IN TURBINES**
3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.
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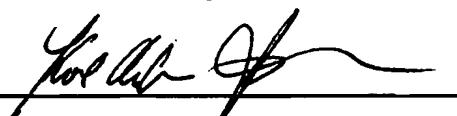
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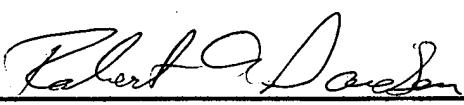
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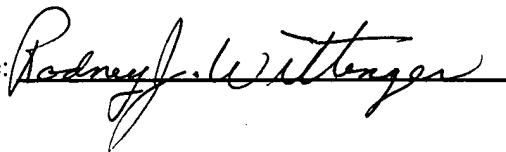
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